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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and amend claims 8-10 and 12-13, and enter new claim 14, as set forth in the following listing of claims.

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The manual transmission according to claim 2, wherein said counter shaft is offset in a widthwise direction of said main shaft and said front drive shaft is offset in another widthwise direction of said main shaft.

9. (currently amended) ~~The manual transmission according to claim 7,~~

A manual transmission mounted on a vehicle having, an engine longitudinally mounted on said vehicle for outputting a driving power therefor from a crankshaft, a clutch directly and mechanically connected to said crankshaft for engaging and disengaging said driving power, a main shaft

directly and coaxially connected to said clutch for receiving said driving power, a counter shaft provided under and in parallel with said main shaft, a gear train provided on both of said main shaft and said counter shaft for changing an engine speed by meshing respective gears of said gear train, an input shaft coaxially connected to said counter shaft, and a front differential provided under said counter shaft for transmitting said driving power to front wheels via a front drive shaft and for absorbing a speed difference between left and right driving wheels, comprising

a transmission case for enclosing said main shaft, said counter shaft, said gear train, said front drive shaft and said front differential; and

an auxiliary front transmission case provided in a front portion of said transmission case being able to receive additional gears on said main shaft and on said counter shaft for realizing a multiple speed ratio transmission; and

wherein said transmission case includes said auxiliary front transmission case with a front wall behind said clutch for supporting said main shaft and said counter shaft with bearings, an intermediate transmission case connected to said auxiliary front transmission case for including intermediate portions of said main shaft and said counter shaft, a rear transmission case connected to said intermediate transmission case for including rear end portions of said main shaft and said

counter shaft, and an auxiliary transmission room formed between said auxiliary front transmission case and said intermediate transmission case for containing an auxiliary transmission if required.

10. (currently amended) The manual transmission as recited in claim 9, further comprising a front drive gear mounted on said counter shaft.

11. (previously presented) The manual transmission as recited in claim 10, further comprising a cover attached to the rear end of the transmission case.

12. (currently amended) The manual transmission according to claim 2 ~~11~~, wherein said counter shaft is offset in a widthwise direction of said main shaft and said front drive shaft is offset in another widthwise direction of said main shaft.

13. (currently amended) ~~The manual transmission according to claim 11, wherein~~ A manual transmission mounted on a vehicle having an engine longitudinally mounted on said vehicle for outputting a driving power therefor from a crankshaft, a clutch directly and mechanically connected to said crankshaft for engaging and disengaging said driving power, a

main shaft directly and coaxially connected to said clutch for receiving said driving power, a counter shaft provided under and in parallel with said main shaft, a gear train provided on both of said main shaft and said counter shaft for changing an engine speed by meshing respective gears of said gear train, an input shaft coaxially connected to said counter shaft, and a front differential provided under said counter shaft for transmitting said driving power to front wheels via a front drive shaft and for absorbing a speed difference between left and right driving wheels, comprising

a transmission case for enclosing said main shaft, said counter shaft, said gear train, said front drive shaft and said front differential; and

a cover attached to the rear end of the transmission case; and

an auxiliary front transmission case provided in a front portion of said transmission case being able to receive additional gears on said main shaft and on said counter shaft for realizing a multiple speed ratio transmission; and

wherein the manual transmission further comprises a front drive gear mounted on said counter shaft, and a cover attached to the rear end of the transmission case; and

said transmission case includes said auxiliary front transmission case with a front wall behind said clutch for supporting said main shaft and said counter shaft with bearings, an intermediate transmission case connected to said auxiliary front transmission case for including intermediate portions of said main shaft and said counter shaft, a rear transmission case connected to said intermediate transmission case for including rear end portions of said main shaft and said counter shaft, and an auxiliary transmission room formed between said auxiliary front transmission case and said intermediate transmission case for containing an auxiliary transmission if required.

14. (new) The manual transmission according to claim 13, wherein said counter shaft is offset in a widthwise direction of said main shaft and said front drive shaft is offset in another widthwise direction of said main shaft.